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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takafumi SUZUKI) Confirmation No.: 1415
Application No.: 10/617,139) Art Unit: 3682
Filed: July 11, 2003) Examiner: J. Pilkington
For: LEVER APPARATUS FOR VEHICLES) MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents
MAIL STOP RCE
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- Previously submitted:
 Please consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 12, 2006 (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 Other: _____.

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- Enclosed:
- Amendment
 Supplemental Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement
 Form 1449

2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
- Other: _____.

3. Fees Calculation

- (a) RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- \$790.00
 \$385.00 (for small entity)

(b) Additional Claims

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	4	minus	20	0	x \$50 each =	+ \$00.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	1	minus	3	0	x \$200 each =	+ \$00.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$00.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$00.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$00.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$00.00

(c) Extension of Time

- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. The period for response extends through _____, because a Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on _____. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below.

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for <u>Extension</u>	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1590.00	\$795.00

- An extension for _____ month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

The extension of time fee for this request: \$0.00.

If an additional extension of time or an additional fee is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

4. Fee Payment

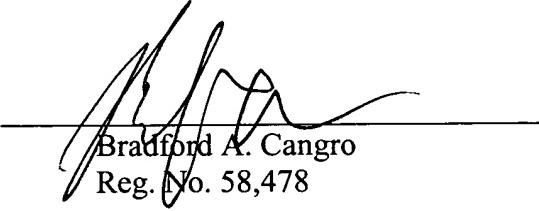
- Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$790.00 for the **\$790.00 RCE filing fee**.
- EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 17, 2006

By:


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